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UM Bookstore will flip-flop floors to save money

Allison Maier

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Aiming to reduce energy costs and theft, The University of Montana's bookstore is undergoing a \$200,000 renovation, scheduled to be completed this summer.

"We want The Bookstore to be a comfortable and interesting place to pass time when people on campus need a break," general manager Bryan Thornton said in an e-mail. "The floor change will go a long way to doing this."

The Bookstore is not a part of the university, so the funding for the renovation does not come from the school. Thornton said the renovation has been planned for about four years, and the store is borrowing money to make the changes, but expects to pay it back rapidly by using savings on energy costs and reduced shoplifting.

Under the new organization, all the Grizzly gear and art supplies located on the second floor will be moved down to the first. Textbooks will be moved to the second floor, along with the employees and offices that deal with them. This way, the textbook segment of the second floor can be closed after the book-buying rush, which encompasses the week before classes begin and the 10 days after, according to Thornton.

The process of shipping and receiving books from suppliers and preparing shelves for the next semester can be done out of sight of customers, Thornton said. This will help prevent customer accidents and theft, he said.

According to Thornton, The Bookstore loses about \$150,000 to \$160,000 worth of textbooks a year. He said when the textbook



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Renovation of the Bookstore in the UC has begun with moving the Customer Service desk to the front of the store. When completed, the store's book supply will be on the second floor of the UC, with the Grizzly gear and art supplies downstairs.

segment of the store is roped off after students buy books, it can create a hazard for customers, although he said there have been no recent accidents.

The new arrangement will allow 75 percent of the lights on the second floor to be turned off most of the semester when the textbook section is not in use, which will reduce energy consumption, Thornton said. Costs will also be reduced because books will no longer have to be moved between the first floor and the basement for shipping, receiving and stocking, he said.

The customer service counter has been

moved from the back of the store to the front near the doors on the first floor of the UC. Thornton said this will make it easier for customers to receive assistance, since the majority enters through those doors.

Annie Cerra, a customer service employee, said the move happened quickly and wasn't very disruptive. She said she thinks the changes to The Bookstore will be nice when they're done.

"It's a little chaotic, but the end product is totally going to be worthwhile," she said.

Bookstore employee Sarah Philips said she thinks the renovations will make it easier

to help customers find things because all of the merchandise will be located on one floor.

All checkout counters will be located on the first floor of the store.

Thornton said the store would also offer more fair trade items in the card and gift section in an effort to offer more "green" products.

The first floor of The Bookstore is expected to be completed by UM's graduation in May. The second floor will be completed by the middle of July, in time for the fall 2009 semester.

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ASUM bill may create separate fund for energy savings on campus

Josh Potter

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ASUM will consider a bill tonight that would make The University of Montana one of the first public universities in the country to have a separate fund that invests in environmental projects.

Members of the student group UM Climate Action Now! met with ASUM senators on Monday to discuss adding a \$4 student fee per semester that would fund the Revolving Energy Loan Fund, which would be used to make buildings on campus more energy-efficient.

In an effort to gain support from students, the UM RELF added an opt-out clause to the bill, which would allow students not to pay the fee if they so chose.

Patrick Rhea from UM RELF said he is not worried students would refuse to pay the fee.

"Of the 600 students we polled, 94 percent said they would pay a \$5 fee," Rhea said, reiterating that

UM RELF is asking for \$4.

To go into effect, the fee proposal would have to pass ASUM and the Board of Regents before being included on the ASUM elections ballot.

"The idea is that right off the bat, you're going to have money that comes in from the student fee, and we want to invest that money in things that will save the university money," Rhea said.

The fund would lend the university money so it could take on new "green" projects. This efficiency, Rhea said, would then save the university money, which it would use to pay back the fund with interest. That way, Rhea said, the fund would keep growing and could be invested in larger projects.

"The idea is that the money we save from (the projects) will go back into the fund," Rhea said.

Mike Panisko, an engineer with UM's facilities services, said the hardest part will be getting the pro-

gram off the ground, but that it will pay off in the long run.

During the first year, Panisko said, progress won't be obvious, but in the future, as the fund grows, projects will get bigger and better.

"You do a study this year, and maybe next year you'll have 10 projects," he said.

But, Panisko added, the projects will achieve real change as quickly as possible.

"You do want to make sure the money is spent in something visual and tangible," Panisko said. "What we want to do is to make as much of it as visible to the students so they have an understanding of where their money goes."

One way the fund plans to ensure student involvement is to try to base projects on student ideas.

"Students who have ideas and want to take them to the sustainability coordinator can do that," Rhea said.

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New financial aid scam asks students to pay fee

Allison Maier

MONTANA KAIMIN

Students should be wary of a letter offering financial aid opportunities that require a fee when sending in an application, according to financial aid directors at The University of Montana and Montana Tech.

Mike Richardson, director of financial aid and enrollment processing at Montana Tech in Butte, said he knows of at least 24 students at the university who have received letters from the College Financial Advisory offering "free financial aid money" that can be used to pay for a variety of college expenses including tuition, room and board and books. Mick Hansen, UM director of financial aid, said he doesn't know of any students in Missoula receiving the letter yet.

The letter comes with a form asking for personal information including address, date of birth, parents' occupation, work experience and school enrollment. It asks stu-

dents to include a \$49 processing fee when sending in their applications.

"It might be a little bit on the fishy side," Richardson said.

Richardson said students should be suspicious of any financial aid offer that requires a fee. Hansen said suspect letters are sent out to the student body every couple of years. He said he has never heard of a student actually receiving financial aid from one of the organizations sending out such letters.

Hansen said students who receive similar letters should alert the financial aid office.

The College Financial Advisory's office was not open to take calls Tuesday afternoon. Richardson said that when he called for information, he was directed to the organization's Web site. The site requires students to log in with the profile number they were assigned in their letter before they can access any

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Editorial Shopping for the answer to our economic woes

Although the Dow Jones index jumped 7 percent on Monday — a rally that reflects investors' cautiously growing confidence after months of historic lows — we're not out of the woods yet. Not by a long shot.

Consumers are still scared, and they're not spending. According to a March 16 Gallup poll, consumer spending was down 34 percent from a year ago in January and down 40 percent in February. Americans' self-reported spending in stores, gas stations, restaurants and online averaged \$57 per day during the first half of March, down from \$64 per day during January and February.

In a time of financial crisis, Americans have finally decided to get smart and save their money. According to a March 16 Newsweek article, personal savings have jumped from under zero percent of income in the middle of 2008 to 5 percent in January. While a wake-up call that we couldn't keep treating our homes and credit cards as financial life support was inevitable, saving right now isn't going to get our economy back on track.

People, it's time to shop.

Though I hate to advocate for the mindless consumerism that draws worldwide contempt for Americans, this isn't the time to realign our morals. The global economy is in a tailspin largely because of our decreased demand for imported goods and services, and unemployment at home has hit 8 percent, leaving workers in industries ranging from retail and restaurants to auto and timber without a paycheck to pump back into the economy. Disposable income is now being directed toward savings and credit card payments, not nights out, new cars or home remodels.

The people who can still afford to spend are also cutting back — the wrong move in a hemorrhaging economy. According to the poll, spending by upper-income Americans — those making \$90,000 or more per year — has fallen 38 percent since September to an average of \$101 per day, compared to \$51 per day for the rest of Americans.

The New York Times wrote a piece this month about the drop in "conspicuous consumption" among America's wealthiest. In Atlanta, socialites are wearing 10-year-old dresses to parties and corporate lawyers are clipping coupons. One woman said she thinks it's "a little bit chic or something" to be pinching pennies; another, whose husband is a millionaire heir, said it was "disrespectful to the people who don't have much to flaunt your wealth."

Trust me, it's not. While this belt-tightening by the upper crust is a noble move, it is the worst thing they can do right now. As a college student soon to be facing a dismal job market, I want these people to spend, spend, spend and, by doing so, open up more potential jobs for me and my colleagues who may well be passing time in restaurants and retail until our intended industries recover.

To upper-income Americans: go ahead, buy that new Volvo sedan. Please, don't stop spending.

If you have some lingering guilt, try switching where you shop. If it feels too conspicuous to shop at Bergdorf Goodman's, head to Target and snap up 10 of each of your favorite items. China's labor force will profit and Target won't be forced to layoff workers. Target, for example, maintains about 1,685 stores in the U.S. Since January, they've laid off about 1,500 employees.

And you are the segment of the population that will bounce back when stocks start to recover. Sure, your net worth has declined, and your retirement account isn't looking too hot, but most of you have fairly recession-proof jobs that you won't be retiring from for at least 10 years.

American consumerism will probably rebound when the economy does; it's too much to hope that we, as a society, have permanently learned to treasure the simple joys in life over our material possessions. But perspective can wait. Let's get the economy back on track. Without some consumer risk in the form of spending, our financial system — which was founded on risk — won't recover.

So go ahead, swipe some plastic for your country. Swipe, swipe, swipe.

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The monster in sheep's clothing

When a person settles into a place, it can get easy for him to start taking things for granted. The nagging pursuit of new experiences that won't be found at home eventually loses out to endless stacks of melted ham, edam cheese and potato chip sandwiches and streaming online reruns of Beavis and Butthead.

It is at such points I must ask, "Am I really taking advantage of my experience abroad?" Luckily, I had some friends (who set me up in Italy in the first issue of STS) come to Edinburgh for a visit to shake me from my slump of complacency.

Naturally when playing tour guide, the tendency is to cram as many of your favorite experiences into their visiting days as possible, which, for me, played out a little something like this:

"Now, as you can see here, we have arrived at lovely Edinburgh Castle, overlooking the entire city. If you look to the wall on your left, you will also note that it is closed. If you turn around and head south, you will see an old-fashioned Scottish tavern that is still open. Proceed.

"Looking overhead, this area of Cowgate was once sealed off for many years during the horrible plague-blight that affected the city. Luckily, Bannerman's Bar was there to ease the troubled minds of locals. Let's stop in for a pint and imagine what it would have felt like.

"Food? The Brauhaus has curry dogs, which isn't technically Scottish, but it has a 12.5 percent ale from Belgium! That's like three beers in one!

"We can do the Royal Mile tomorrow. This bar closes in four hours!"

After the unscheduled pub crawl reduced my weary travelers to sleepyheads, we spent the next day perusing sites that I hadn't yet been aware of, like the Scottish National Gallery and the Museum of Modern Art.

Though I don't consider myself an art critic, I will eat my hat in front of anybody who can successfully argue that I don't like weird things, and modern art museums tend to hoard weird things in one convenient place. One particular piece fit in with Scotland's traditional image of sheep grazing along the sunny Highland plains: Damien Hirst's "Away from the Flock."

It's a dead sheep suspended in a tank of formaldehyde. Really.

The only feeling I had was sheer offense, something I'm not used to at all, and a discussion ensued between Nate, one of my visiting friends, and me.

Growing even more flabbergasted at the prospect of killing an animal this size to put on display in such a sterile manner, I had to ask how this could be art.

"Well, if it's making you angry," he concluded, "then it's making you feel something, isn't it?"

STUMBLING THROUGH SCOTLAND

With Mike Gerrity



Touche. Thank you, little dead sheep, for giving me something new to be pissed off about. I can let go of losing that second grade spelling bee for a while.

Nate went to St. Andrews on his own adventure, leaving my old high school chum Morgan and me in search of the Loch Ness monster and the far less-elusive, but much sillier-looking, Highland Cow.

Boarding the bus at 8 a.m. after St. Patty's Day felt like a dream, and I was certain of it when the bus driver handed each of us a little bottle of Famous Grouse Whiskey.

Early on, we were able to meet one of our goals, the Highland Cow, grazing in front of a gift shop. In case you are unfamiliar, picture a bull turned dirty hippy. As it stood there, munching on grass, occasionally turning its head, then pausing and continuing to chew, the whole bus rushed to document the majestic spectacle. I thought about how long that cow had been grazing there, and how many years it stood while busloads of tourists stopped every day, laughing, taking pictures.

After another several hours, scenic mountains and tour guide stories — mainly concerning robbery, mass murder and regular murder — we boarded a barge on Loch Ness for a mini-cruise in search of Nessie. Somewhere down there, in the shadow of Urquhart Castle and the dozen gift shops encircling the lake flaunting Nessie paraphernalia, was a mythical creature that knew how to go about lucrative merchandising.

Of course, by the end of the day the monster was nowhere to be found. Instead, we found a reasonably-priced bar below deck, which I would call a satisfactory runner-up.

But, perhaps the Loch Ness monster isn't hiding at the bottom of some lake. Perhaps the real monster is inside all of us. A monster that makes us want to drink that mini-bottle of whiskey at nine in the morning, look at dead animals as if they were a sophisticated form of self expression and watch TV shows all day long rather than experience the life that's waiting right outside our doors.

Indeed, there was a monster at Loch Ness that day, and he was in me all along.

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Correction:

A caption in Tuesday's Kaimin incorrectly said UM student Nick Miller broke his neck during the Missoula Mayhem ultimate fighting event in the Adams Center last week. Miller was only knocked out. He was taken from the arena on a stretcher and in a neck brace, which is a standard precautionary measure.

Pleased?

Perturbed?

Write a letter to the editor

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US takes steps to deport alleged Nazi to Germany

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CLEVELAND — The U.S. government said Tuesday it is asking German officials for travel documents needed to deport accused World War II Nazi guard John Demjanjuk, who is charged in Europe with 29,000 counts of accessory to murder.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement provided an e-mail to The Associated Press showing that it has contacted the German government in its effort to deport Demjanjuk, once accused but ultimately cleared of being a notori-

ous guard at the Treblinka concentration camp in occupied Poland.

The 88-year-old suburban Cleveland man was charged in Germany in March with crimes while working as a guard at Sobibor, a Nazi death camp in Poland.

His son, John Demjanjuk Jr., said Tuesday that his father remains at home and is not in federal custody.

The German warrant seeks the deportation or extradition of Demjanjuk, who lives in Seven Hills and denies involvement in any deaths.

Prosecutors in Munich, Germa-

ny, said Demjanjuk (pronounced dem-YAHN'-yuk) will be formally charged in front of a judge once he is extradited.

"In this capacity, he participated in the accessory to murder of at least 29,000 people of the Jewish faith," the prosecutor's office has said. It is handling the case because Demjanjuk spent time at a refugee camp in the area after the war.

The suspect's family has said he is in poor health and unable to travel.

"My dad spent a few hours in the emergency room the other day," John Demjanjuk Jr. said. "He

is being treated for kidney stones at present."

He said his father has chronic kidney disease, along with other serious ailments.

Kurt Schrimm, head of the special German prosecutors' office that has hunted Nazis since 1958 and who asked Munich prosecutors to pursue Demjanjuk's extradition, declined to comment Tuesday.

Efraim Zuroff, the top Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Los Angeles-based human rights organization, welcomed the development.

"We're very pleased that these

steps are being taken to facilitate Demjanjuk's extradition to Germany so that he can be tried and can be given an appropriate punishment for his heinous crimes during World War II," Zuroff told The Associated Press by phone from Jerusalem.

German Justice Ministry spokesman Ulrich Staudegle said he could not confirm that U.S. authorities had requested any specific documents, but reiterated that the German government was working closely with the U.S. to secure Demjanjuk's extradition or deportation.



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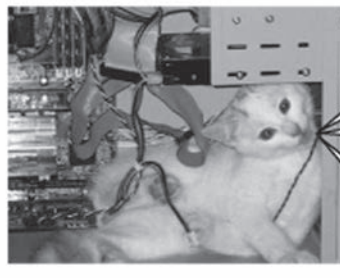
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Grace prosecutors struggle with statute of limitations

Carmen George
MONTANA KAIMIN

In the Grace case's fifth week of testimonies, Judge Donald Molloy is questioning the prosecution more frequently as to what is relevant evidence, urging the government to only present evidence that clearly relates to the indictment charges.

W.R. Grace & Co. is charged with hiding the health risks of the company's asbestos-laced vermiculite mined in Libby that has killed or caused fatal diseases in hundreds of people in Libby and across the nation where the material was shipped for processing. Many are calling the case the most extensive environmental criminal trial in U.S. history.

The court week began Monday in Missoula's U.S. District Court with Molloy reading the conspiracy count of the indictment aloud and questioning whether some of the evidence presented by the prosecution is relevant to the indictment charges. Molloy has asked the question before, and it's coming up more frequently as the trial continues.

The prosecution continues to

grapple with a statute of limitations, which prohibits the use of almost all evidence prior to 1999, acting as a roadblock for the prosecution and as motivation for many of the defense's objections to the government's evidence. These limitations continue to weed out much of the evidence proposed for the trial.

The statute of limitations is a legal window of time that starts when someone supposedly commits an offense. If charges aren't made within a certain period of time, the alleged crime cannot be tried.

Of the eight counts against Grace in the indictment, only the conspiracy charge has a statute of limitations that allows evidence prior to 1999. This time frame was set based on when the charges were first filed. The conspiracy charge has no time frame because conspiracy is typically seen as on going crime to keep something secret, and it's difficult to know for certain when it ends, or if it has stopped.

The trial got off to a slow start this week, with the jury dismissed early Monday afternoon due to a

juror falling ill in court. On Tuesday testimony continued from expert witness Robert Locke, the former global vice president for Grace's construction division who left Grace in 1998. The Harvard graduate testified that he knew all five of the Grace executives facing charges and that they knew of the health risks of the asbestos-laced vermiculite in Libby, but tried to keep the problems a secret. Grace ignored many scientific studies which showed the health risks of the mined ore and stalled efforts for other tests, Locke said.

"We did not know what kind of results they would come up with," Locke said Tuesday. "If we lost sales as a result, we would lose money."

Other witnesses that have taken the stand since the trial began at the end of February include Paul Pernard, the EPA's on-site cleanup coordinator in Libby, and Aubrey Miller, a former senior toxicologist for the EPA. Alan Whitehouse, a pulmonologist from Spokane who treated many Libby residents suffering from respiratory diseases due to asbestos, has also testified. The first testimonies came from seven Libby residents affected by the asbestos-laced vermiculite, later followed by testimonies from Mel and Lerah Parker, a couple who bought land from Grace that was contaminated with asbestos.

As the trial continues, Molloy consistently reminds the jury that only evidence and information presented in court can be used to reach its decision and that the defendants are innocent until proven guilty. Molloy said that court will not be in session next week so jurors can be with their families over spring break.

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Where Did You Take Your Griz Card?

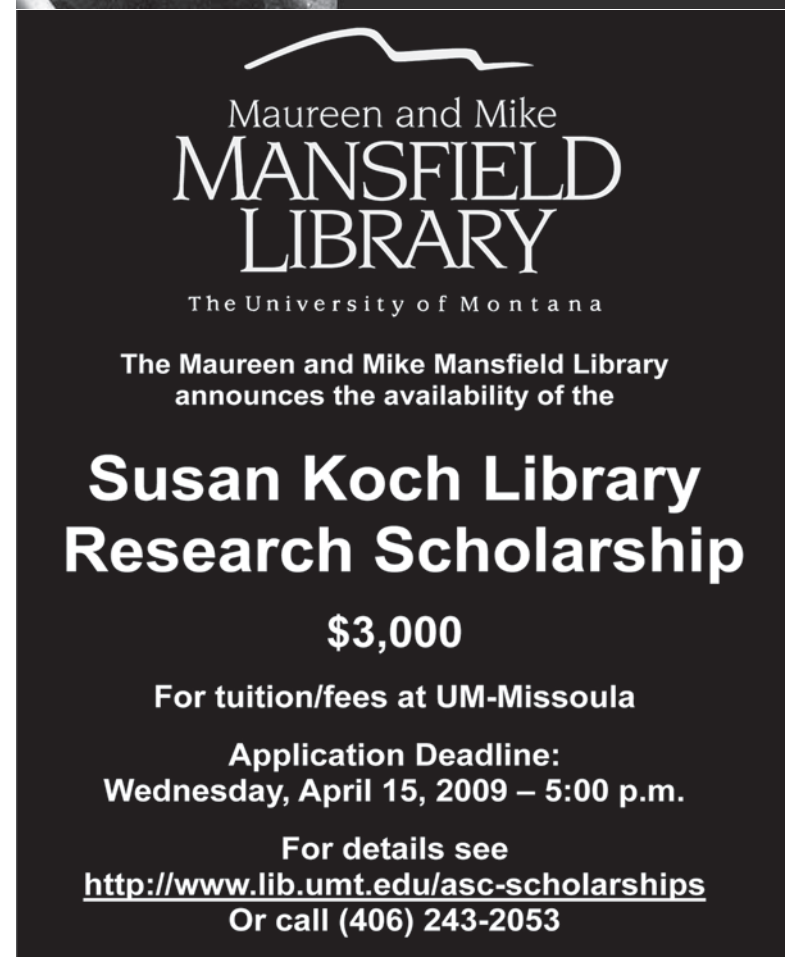
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New Jester ruggers will be tested in tournaments

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MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana Jester's Rugby Club just celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, which serves to commemorate the college ruggers who have kept one of the institution's brawniest clubs alive for decades.

So it was no surprise that a new generation of players reinforced the outfit's numbers this spring.

After struggling through the fall campaign with shallow depth due to low turnout and injuries, the team has about 15 new players on the 25-man roster. While many of them are completely new to the sport and its setting, club president Matt Johnson said they haven't missed a beat.

"Rugby is kind of an interesting sport," said Johnson, who's been with the team for three years. "It's usually takes a few games to start picking up the smaller aspects of the game. All of our new guys are learning really quickly, which is definitely a good sign."

The Jesters opened their first home match this past Saturday with a win over the Flathead Moose men's club — completing their third exhibition tournament this spring. The green and gold traveled to Lewiston, Idaho, for Warriors Fest on the first weekend of March, then to Butte for a four-team pool play. Both regional events featured Division II clubs from Idaho, Washington and Oregon, as well as men clubs from Montana. UM players had an opportunity to knock winter rust off and have green horns learn the game.

"It gives us a lot of really good experience," said Johnson. "When



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Rookie prop Spencer Veysey or "Freak Nasty Slycat" as he's known among the Jesters, escapes from a maul during Tuesday's practice at Dornblazer Fields. Receiving a nickname often represents a rite of passage for newer rugby players hoping to find their place on the team.

you go to a tournament, you generally get three games in a day, so it's an opportunity to give your new players a lot of playing experience in games that don't count for league standings."

UM student Harry Ward is one of the fresh faces for the Jesters, banging his head on the pitch for the first time in a university club

that has well-established traditions.

"I'm new to the sport," said Ward, who plays inside center. "It's the funnest sport I've ever played. The contact, the rules and the guys are cool. It's a good group of guys."

The next six weeks mark the most important matches of the year for the club. The one other important meeting was the Tubby Thomp-

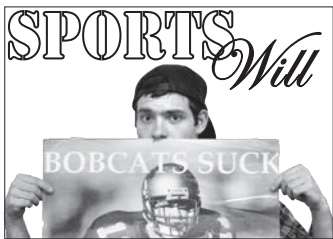
son Cup with the Missoula Maggots in October, which the Maggots took this year after losing to the Jesters for the first time in 25 years back in 2007. Another installment in the tradition-rich series will go down on April 16 in Missoula.

The Jesters will have another opportunity to brush up with Fools Fest in Spokane on the first week-

end in April. Then comes the granddaddy of them all: Maggotfest on the first weekend in May, which will also serve as a prelude to the Montana Rugby Union Cup later that month. The club must qualify to compete in that field, which was held in Bozeman last spring.

At Maggotfest, which is regarded See RUGBY, page 8

America stands above the competition at one sport: bowling



By Will Freihofer

Editor's note: SportsWhit is out of town, so outdoors reporter Will Freihofer will temporarily fill her weekly spot. Please excuse the inconvenience.

This Sunday, millions of viewers worldwide watched as the United States was eliminated from the World Baseball Classic after dropping a semifinal game to Japan. Team USA's 9-4 loss was a bummer for a variety of reasons, not the least of which begs the following question: If we can't win at home in a sport called the great American pastime, what the hell can we call ourselves the best at?

The answer, I'm sad to report, seems to be not much.

If you really think about it, which I came close to doing when

writing this thing, we don't really have a whole lot to support our swagger in the international sports community. Though we certainly have our share of mega-stars, it's fair to question how dominant we as a country can fairly be portrayed — especially given the current state of several of our studs.

Tiger has a bum knee, Lance cracked his collarbone and for all we know Michael Phelps will be watching the next Summer Olympics with a bag of Funyuns from the couch in his parents' basement. Those freaks aside — and assum-

ing LeBron doesn't endeavor to pick up the slack in their respective sports — we're surprisingly thin.

Despite putting up an impressive performance at the last Olympics, even our basketball teams have been far from dominant in international competition over the last couple years. In fact, Team USAs have been inconsistent in the sports of basketball, baseball, hockey, golf, lacrosse ... you name it, really. And no, football doesn't count — unless you're talking about the kind you actually play with your foot, in which case

it *really* doesn't count.

There must be at least one sport the world cares about that no one can touch us in. And there is. It's bowling.

According to Mark Miller of the United States Bowling Congress, more than 100 countries worldwide see some 100 million bowlers get their roll on each year. The U.S. tops the list with some 65 percent of the total, a figure which promises to increase given that bowling is currently the fastest-growing high school sport in America. And according to my boy Mark, we're number one.

So there you have it, we *are* the best at something. Phew. And here we all were thinking this country was in trouble.

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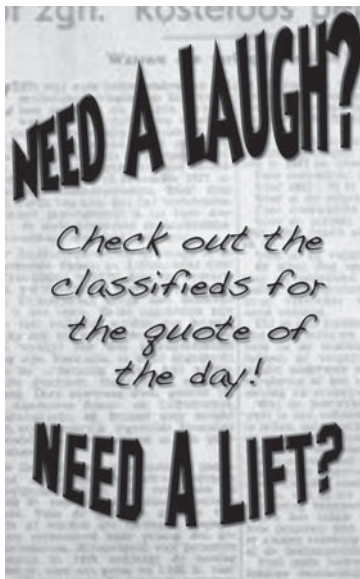
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New whitewater park may be in the works

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Just west of Jacob's Island, the Kim Williams Trail passes a somber string of flowers strung over the dammed stream that separates the island from the riverbank. Now stiff and tan from months of weathering, the clusters cling to a suspended line some 10 feet above the water's surface.

The flowers were placed over the river last October on the anniversary of the death of local high school student Max Lentz. Of late, a group of Missoulians, including several UM students and faculty members, have begun an effort to create a more fitting and permanent tribute to the avid kayaker and outdoorsman in the shape of a second whitewater park in downtown Missoula.

Pre-journalism sophomore Justin Ryan, a close friend of Lentz, has been involved with the project since its inception.

"Doing something positive and productive in Max's memory feels personally rewarding, but more importantly, it's something everyone in Missoula will enjoy in the end," said Ryan. "Getting people involved and aware of our plans has been our main goal."

Any proposed plans will remain just that, as they are pending the approval of several local organizations, among them Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Missoula Irrigation District.

Although plans for the project are in the early stages, the effort is targeted at the development of an irrigation diversion — a man-made ledge in the riverbed — currently crossing the Clark Fork River near the mouth of Hellgate Canyon. Proponents see a parallel between the location and the downstream site of Brennan's Wave, a man-made recreational whitewater park constructed three years ago adjacent to Caras Park.

The construction of Brennan's Wave included the removal of potentially dangerous steel reinforcement bars left over from past construction projects.

Max's father, John Lentz, a local contractor involved in the project, said the current diversion ditch east of Jacob's Island presents a similar safety concern to river-runners on the stretch — a group whose size is expected to increase with the recent removal of the Milltown Dam at



Eric Oravsky/Montana Kaimin

Weathered flowers hang over a side channel of the Clark Fork River in memory of Max Lentz, a local high school student who died in a kayaking accident a year and a half ago. A group comprised of local businessmen, whitewater enthusiasts and students is attempting to construct a second whitewater park in Missoula as a more permanent memorial.

the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers upstream.

"It's kind of a dangerous structure in the river right now," said Lentz. The general idea is to couple modification of the current hazard with the creation of a recreational whitewater feature. Lentz was quick to point out the plan's preliminary nature, because much work remains in gaining permission and fundraising for the project. Echoing

Lentz's concern for getting ahead of things was geology graduate student Dan West, a former teacher of the younger Lentz at the World Class Kayak Academy.

"We hope to make progress on two fronts simultaneously: gaining permission from the higher-ups and increasing community awareness. One can't really move forward without the other doing the same," said West.

An avid kayaker who spent many days with Lentz on rivers around the country as well as abroad, West said he hopes the project — in whatever shape it takes — will benefit the larger community, not just those who enjoy water sports.

"Granted, this would be great for paddlers, but the point is to show how it is a good thing for Missoula, too," said West.

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UM riders practice and compete with different styles

Matt McCleod
MONTANA KAIMIN

While many UM students will hit the road this weekend for a quick vacation over spring break, members of the university's equestrian team won't be horsing around come Saturday.

Six university riders will take to the course in McMinnville, Ore., for the Zone 8 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association equestrian competition.

The contest pits the squad against opponents from Arizona, California, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Washington and the rest of Montana in a variety of equestrian classes.

Like the format of Olympic gymnastics, riders qualify in individual competitions for zones, while contestants who don't make the cut still ride in the team competition. Junior Anna Kendall recently won the advanced walk-trot class in regionals and third-year transfer student Roxanne Arnot-

Copenhaver placed second in intermediate fences — meaning they'll both ride in their respective individual classes Saturday.

Kendall said she has butterflies, but she is thrilled to be going.

"I've never done anything like this before," Kendall said. "It's a little nerve-racking, but I'm still excited."

UM riders Camas Anderson, Miffa Terry, Maddy Levin and Mary Frances Clark finished out of the individual running but will compete in the team competition.

Assistant coach Hannah Greene, who placed second in the intermediate flat competition, also qualified, but will be presenting a paper she wrote at an academic conference this weekend in Salt Lake City and will not be making the trip with the team. That means the senior's college-riding days are over. She said her time with the club was often hectic, but she'll miss it.

"It's a lot of work, and in a lot of ways, it's kind of a relief to be done," Greene said.

"But it was also a lot of fun and, of course, I'm sad it's over."

Anderson, the captain of the squad, recently returned from the IHSA western semifinals at the University of Findlay in Ohio. The junior was the only team member to qualify for the competition. Because she finished fourth in novice horsemanship, she'll move on to nationals. She said it would have been great to win, but she's glad she's moving on.

"I really just squeaked in," Anderson said, "but I don't care. I'm just happy I made it."

Zones and semifinals are two pieces of an extremely complicated IHSA postseason puzzle.

English and Western are the two different riding disciplines college teams compete under. The difference between the two is the type of equipment, or "tack" riders use, and the way they communicate with the horses.

Western tack includes a large saddle and long stirrups, plus a thick horn on the front of the saddle; English saddles are smaller and increase the sensitivity between horse and rider. In Western riding, the rider shifts his or her weight to emphasize a command, whereas in English, the rider uses the reins and his or her legs to provide cues.

Greene explained how she sees the difference in the styles' dynamics.

"In Western, your technique has to be more slow, consistent and relaxed," Greene said. "In English, it's more forward-moving, a little more exciting."

The UM team competes in 10 English- and 10 Western-form riding shows per season, with individual riders and teams compiling points throughout the year. First-place finishers receive seven points and second place finishers get five points, with the next four contestants earning points based on how each one finishes.

Riders can compete in up to six classes per show (like events in track and field). But unlike track and field, equestrian also

has different levels, with novice, intermediate and advanced categories, plus open in which anyone can enter. The classes focus on different skills at different levels. Because English is more established and formal, the eight classes within the discipline sound proper: there is advanced walk, trot and canter and intermediate fences, for example. Within Western, the six classes have a different sound — there's advanced Western horsemanship and open reining.

Competitors who score at least 32 points in the course of the season move on to separate regional events in both English and Western forms. If they finish in the top two in either regional, they qualify for one of the three English semifinals or eight Western zones (the equivalent of semifinals). From there, individuals who finish in the top two in English or top four in Western move on to national finals.

Teams also qualify for regionals by the number of points they accumulate throughout the year. During both regionals, the UM team competes against teams from around Montana and Idaho.

UM hosted the English regional March 15, while Western regionals took place in Billings the weekend of Feb. 21. The Oregon event and the other eight English zone competitions are all held this weekend; Western semifinals took place in Kentucky, Ohio and Texas over last weekend. The national finals for both English and Western kick off in Murfreesboro, Tenn., April 23 through April 26.

Making it all the way to the finals is a rare feat. Usually only a handful of a team's members makes regionals each year.

The UM teams' total number of members is fluid, consisting of 10-15 active members and a handful of non-active members. Like many squads around the country, all of its members are female. Anderson said that's not by design. It's simply the reality of the sport.

"It's not something that we necessarily See RIDERS, page 7



Photo by Chuck Grempe, of Bozeman, submitted courtesy of The University of Montana Equestrian Team

Andrea Kleven jumps Stormy during the Open Equitation over-fences event earlier this season on Nov. 1, 2008. The duo took third place at the mid-season home show at JMG Stables in Clinton, Mont.

Dinosaur crimes

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HELENA, Mont. — A U.S. magistrate in Great Falls has set an April 14 hearing for paleontologist Nathan Murphy to plead guilty to stealing fossils from federal land.

The plea agreement in Murphy's case was filed late Monday in U.S. District Court.

Under the agreement, Murphy, 51, will acknowledge taking more than a dozen fossilized dinosaur bones from Bureau of Land Management land near Malta between August 2006 and August 2007.

The federal offer of proof notes that Murphy was caught excavating fossils from BLM land without a permit in 1994 at a site less than 1,000 feet from dig sites in the recent case. No charges were filed in the 1994 case.

Murphy, a self-taught dinosaur expert who helped find one of the world's best-preserved dinosaurs, has already pleaded guilty to state charges that he stole a raptor fossil

from private land near Malta. Sentencing in the state case is scheduled for May 27.

Murphy's attorney, Michael Moses of Billings, declined comment Tuesday. He has said Murphy is anxious to tell his side of the story, but that will have to wait until after the plea agreement is accepted.

Murphy runs a paleo-outfitting business that takes paying customers on dinosaur excavation expeditions. He was director of paleontology at the Dinosaur Field Station in Malta for 15 years before resigning in July 2007, shortly after the state and federal investigations began.

Federal prosecutors said Murphy led paying customers onto BLM land in August 2006, where fossils were removed from two sites. The fossils' estimated value was \$3,100.

Prosecutors said the cost of assessing and repairing the dig sites on BLM land was estimated at just over \$17,000.

RIDERS

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want," Anderson said. "We just don't have a lot of male interest in equestrian."

In fact, female riders are hard to come by, too. Greene said that, despite Montana's proportionally high number of horse owners, the UM team is perpetually short-handed.

"We always need more riders," Greene said. "A lot of that is because we don't get a lot of money from the university, so we end up spending a lot of our own."

The girls' registration fees include a \$17 charge for each of the classes a rider enters during a road show or a \$15 per class home show charge, plus an annual \$150 team fee that goes to provide food, shoeing and veterinary care for the horses. That doesn't cover travel costs,

which members pay out of their own pockets.

Despite the financial burden, Greene said the experience is well worth it.

"It's an amazing experience," Greene said. "It's been so fun to get to connect with a group of people that love horses."

One cost the team doesn't have to worry about is the purchase of horses. Because host schools are required to provide the horses ridden by out-of-town teams, home clubs are responsible for finding around 20 animals for competitions — preferably more. When few horses are at their disposal, participants have to overuse the available ones, tiring them out and making it harder on other riders later in the competition.

That's where coach Jeanne Gaudreau comes in.

Gaudreau owns a stable outside Clinton, where the team practices.

She donates the use of her horses for UM shows.

The home-horse arrangement helps teams cut back on the transportation costs and headaches, but mounting a new steed for the first time can be intimidating, especially when the relationship between horse and rider can mean the difference between victory and defeat. Anderson said the prospect of hopping on a new horse for every competition scared her at first, but now she's learned to love it.

"I used to get pretty nervous my first year, because you never know what you're in for," Anderson said. "But it's really, really fun now — it's a total blast."

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“There’s not much to it,” Richardson said.
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ASUM

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ASUM’s sustainability coordinator works with the Sustainability Campus Committee, which is another place students can pitch ideas, Rhea said.

“We don’t think motivating students to start projects will be a problem,” Rhea said.

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RUGBY

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as one of Missoula’s premier annual social events, the Jesters are slated to meet the club team of Princeton University, a member of the storied Ivy League.

“Not since I’ve been on the team have we played a college side from the east coast,” Johnson said. “This is going to be a new experience for just about everybody on the team, so that’s pretty exciting.”

Before May arrives, the Jesters have their work cut out for them with an April 16 match with the Maggots. Johnson said that while he was unsure of how his squad and all the fresh faces would match up against the Missoula men, he feels confident in the team’s strides moving forward.

“I don’t know about this semester. Anything’s possible,” he said of the prospects on beating the perennially tough Maggots. “But we’re only going to get better from here.”

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